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25X1A Paragraphs 19, 20 and 21 previously reported by same source

[REDACTED] Note that para. 20 below corrects the dates given in the first sentence of para. 2 of [REDACTED] 25X1A

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SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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Until 12 June 1951, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne north of Pappellallee, Potsdam (N 53/Z 63), still housed a headquarters. Officers and military officials of all branches of service were observed. [REDACTED] 25X1B

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2. On 12 June, the Ledendorff Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Most of the troops were recruits.

3. Prior to 12 June, the Kavallerie Schule in Stampnitz quartered a guard detail only.

4. Prior to 19 June, no changes were discernible in the restricted area of Babelsberg. Officers and military officials of all branches of service were seen. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. [REDACTED] 25X1B

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5. Jagdschloss (hunting lodge) Stern, the restaurant and several adjoining buildings quartered about 150 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The restaurant proper has been converted into a kitchen and mess.

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6. The AA gun emplacement on Steinsstrasse still contained five AA guns, and troops were drilling with three. No changes were observed at the AA gun emplacement at the athletic field. On 15 June, troops were drilling with all five AA guns.

7. About 300 troops wearing black epaulets, including some with signal insignia, were quartered on the premises of the Friesicke & Hoepfner Firm. Trucks were being repaired in the repair shop at the intersection of Fritz Ruehl Strasse and Gartenstrasse. [REDACTED] 15 June.

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An officer and 15 men wearing black epaulets marched from the quarters at the Friesicke & Hoepfner Firm to the restricted area.

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8. Until 19 June, the restricted area on Paul Mounann Strasse was still occupied by about 300 men who wore black epaulets, some of them with signal insignia.

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10. Until 1949, the restricted area of Neuer Garten was a so-called Soviet culture park. Some of the buildings have since 1949 been converted into reception halls for high-ranking Soviet officers and state officials. The so-called Marsorpalais housed the officers' club, and the Casellienhof Castle was converted into a guest house. The southern section of the Neuer Garten was turned over to German authorities who plan to build a Pionierpalast (house for the Young Pioneers) there. The southern sector of the area, which was still restricted, was occupied by Russian families and the northern sector by the guard unit. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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11. On 26 June, the southern section of the Julius Kaserne and the garages situated west of it quartered about 1,000 men most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets. (1) Three platoons, each of 45 men, marched out of the installation toward Bornstedter Feld, with most of the troops wearing black epaulets, and some wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. An officer and 10 recruits, 8 of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and 2 black-bordered black epaulets, entered the billeting area.

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12. On 26 June, Camp Koenigswald quartered about 200 soldiers who wore black epaulets. About 20 men practiced with two pontoons.

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13. On 26 June, it was learned that low wooden sheds, capable of sheltering about 30 motor vehicles, were available in the restricted area between Bertini Strasse, Hoener Strasse and Grosse Weinmeister Strasse. Ten trucks were seen there. (2) Soldiers observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] that only a motor pool was stationed in this restricted area.

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14. On 13 June, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Potsdam-Golz quartered only a guard detail whose personnel wore black epaulets, some of them with signal insignia.

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15. The Unteroffizier Schule in Potsdam-Miche, which is about 90 percent destroyed, contained a small supply dump which was surrounded by a wooden fence. Because he had seen gasoline and oil drums there, source believed the installation to be an organizational fuel dump of the unit in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. Sentries wore black epaulets.

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16. On 8 June, 100 recruits arrived in the northern section of the Delius Kaserne. The headquarters was assigned 4 recruits, and each battery 12 recruits. According to the kitchen bulletin, the ration strength on 13 June was 118 officers and 1,118 NCOs and EM. On 15 June 1 general, 1 lieutenant colonel and 1 major arrived at the installation.

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The officers alternately inspected the training activity of the trained personnel and that of the recruits. The general addressed all troops in the club at 5 p.m. A sergeant stated that a movement to the troop training grounds was to be expected at the beginning of August and that therefore, requests for furlough must be postponed. (3) There said that the engineer unit in the southern section of the Delius Kaserne received 70 recruits on 10 June. The ration strength there was allegedly 82 officers and 455 NCOs and EM. (1)

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17. On 21 June, the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz quartered a guard unit only. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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18. A maintenance sheet found at the garbage dump of the Hohenlohe Kaserne on 31 May specified the work that was to be done on 122-mm SP gun / No 18495. It was approved by Captain Sukharev (fnu), deputy company commander for technical affairs, and dated 19 May 1951.

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19. It was said that the courses previously held at the Kriegsschule in Potsdam would be resumed in Zossen (N 53/Z 91) on 29 June. (4)

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The loading work was still in progress on 5 July. The entire unit was allegedly to be loaded. Women were among the troops boarding the trains. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) Since only one engineer regiment is believed to be quartered in the southern section of the Delius Kaserne, the strength figures in paragraph 16 are given more credence than those in paragraph 11.
- (2) The motor vehicle sheds are reported for the first time. They are probably used by the troops in the restricted area on Weissenhofer Strasse and the southern sector of the Hener Garten Quarter.
- (3) The arrival of recruits is reported for the first time. Though five boxcars with recruits reportedly left Rathenow for Wildpark on 4 June, it is doubted that these were the recruits who arrived in Potsdam on 8 June.

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- (4) It is possible that the movement of a train of 33 boxcars and 2 flatcars from Wildpark to Juensdorf on 25 June was linked with the transfer. See

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Potsdam. The regiment probably went to the Elbe River for summer training.

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engineer regiment, since troops attending the courses of instruction at the Kriegsschule were probably loaded at the Potsdam railroad station at the same time the engineer regiment loaded.

- (5) Except for the movements mentioned, the report indicates no essential changes in the occupation of the military installations.

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